

Annual ESD Recertification & Training Course

At the end of each year, ADA Environmental Services Division (ESD) management and inspection staff, in cooperation with Jennifer Weber of the Agricultural Consultation & Training Division, hold Recertification & Training Courses across the state. Typical venue locations would be Safford, Maricopa, Yuma, and Phoenix.

Specific Department of Agriculture certifications and licenses require the current applicator or license holder to obtain a specified number of Continuing Education Credits (CEU's) throughout the year in order to be eligible to renew their license without retesting. CEU's are normally obtained during the year by attending relevant, approved courses, workshops, and training sessions, held in different locations across the state. At the end of each year there are always a limited number of individuals currently holding certifications / licenses, that for one reason or another, have not obtained the minimum number of credits renewal. Since the required CEU credits must be obtained before December 31, ESD provides an Annual Recertification and Training Course as an end of the year opportunity to obtain six (6) CEU Credits by attending a full day of training comprised of two three (3) CEU Credit half-day sessions. ESD also provides a one hour session for applicators holding private on-farm fumigation certification. The following categories are eligible to attend these training sessions:

- **Pesticide Control Advisor (PCA)** - Requires a total of 15 CEU's per year for certification renewal.
- **Pesticide Commercial Applicator (PUC)** - Requires a total of 6 CEU's per year for certification renewal.
- **Pesticide Private Applicator (PUP)** - Requires a total of 3 CEU's per year for certification renewal.
- **Private Applicator Fumigation Certification** - Requires a total of 6 CEU's per year for certification renewal. One CEU must be specifically on fumigation.



Major subject areas covered during the training sessions:

- Worker Protection Standard (WPS): Personal protective equipment, Central Posting location, Pesticide safety training, Decontamination supplies.
- Ground Water / Best Management Practices (BMP).
- Case reviews.
- ADA Top 10 Compliance issues / Top 10 Worker Protection and Safety issues.
- Recordkeeping requirements.
- Fumigation training.
- Professionalism
- Labels
- Miscellaneous pesticide educational training exercises.
- Question and answer session.



Course attendance normally averages between 20 to 30 participants in the morning sessions, and 15 to 25 participants in the afternoon sessions.

